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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/19/04
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 3-5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3, "preferably" is vague. The use of "larger" and "high" without a standard is indefinite. It is not clear what "optimal" defines.

Claims 4 and 5 are written as a method of manufacture/design in the selection of the number of nozzles. Correction is required.

In claim 16, the use of "preferably" is vague.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Conner (5148776).

Conner shows a nozzle/valve element 13 that delivers water based on load (figure 7) as determined by a controller 10.

In regard to claim 2, a plurality of nozzles may be used (col.6, lines 3+).

Claim 3 is so broad as to read on any system.

In claim 7, the frame reads on the intake manifold.

In regard to claims 12 and 13, there is a pump 17 with a regulator 18.

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Claims 1-3 and 8-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by O'Neill et al (4960080). Figure 1 shows two nozzles 60, 62 for spraying water into an engine wherein the system is controlled by engine load (col.2, lines 25+).

In regard to claims 8 and 9, see regulator 32.

In regard to claims 10-12, there is an electric pump 10 providing constant flow communicating with a relief valve 18 (col.4, lines 15+).

In regard to claims 13 and 16, alcohol in the water mixture reads on cleaning and a second pressure medium (col.3, lines 67+).

In regard to claim 14, see col. 4, line 36.

In regard to claim 15, see col.3, lines 11+.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abthoff et al (4377135).

Figure 3 shows a water spraying system including a nozzle 3 and is responsive to load (14) and rotational speed (15).

Claims 1 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mesurier (1665885).

Figure 1 shows a water spraying system including a nozzle 11, a speed responsive delivery mechanism at 14, and a temperature control mechanism at 24.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conner as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Iizuka et al (4165610).

Conner shows an engine in which all the cylinders are operated. Iizuka et al disclose variable displacement engine to improve fuel economy. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the engine of Conner to include variable displacement operation; the result of which will control the number of nozzles and their point of injection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Noah Kamen whose telephone number is 571 272 4845. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on 571 272 4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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